WENDELL POST

Jonathan von Ranson

Karen Wilder won Best Kitchen Display in last fall's Harvest Festival with her picked, baked, dried, canned and brewed offerings. Gardeners, start your seeds.

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Save the Historic Sweetser Home

The Wendell Historical Commission, with the help of the Selectboard, Town Assistant, Wendell Historical Society, Congregational Church of Wendell, John, Terry and Aubrey Koehler, and anyone else who wants to join in, are currently enmeshed in a major project. The Koehlers own Captain Henry Sweetser's (American Revolution) family home. It's ready to fall down. The Koehlers are willing to donate the structure to the town. All of those mentioned above would like to disassemble the house (it meets National Historic Register criteria) and reassemble it in the center of town within the Wendell Town Common Historic District. It's a big project, but one that would give the town an historic structure that could be used for educational, historical and tourist purposes. It would, of course, also save one of the few historically significant buildings left in Wendell. The town would have to vote to put up $15,000 cash, but the money would go directly into an Endowment fund, not to be touched, except the interest would be used to maintain the town's buildings within the Wendell Town Common Historic District. What the rest of us need to do is to raise $5,000 through fundraisers in the coming year, assuming that we are awarded this special endowment grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. So be looking for those special events in the near future! Anyone interested in helping, call Jean Forward at 544-7502.

Town Officers Slate 1998

SELECTBOARD (1)		
	3 years	Roger Choiniere Christine Heard Michael Wing
BOARD OF HEALTH		
	2 years	Morgan P. Mead
	3 years	Robert Leet
PLANNING BOARD		
	4 years	Shawn Conway
	5 years	Rich Asmann
MODFRATOR		
	1 year	Kathy Becker
CONSTABLE		
	3 years	David Wilder
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER		
	3 years	Danny Bacigalupo
ROAD COMMISSION		
	3 years	Harry Williston
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)		
	3 years	Jean Forward Judith Grupenhoff
TREE WARDEN		
	1 year	Danny Bacigalupo
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)		
	3 years	Francis Doughty Opening for write-in
BOARD OF ASSESSORS		
	3 years	1 Opening
PLANNING BOARD		
	1 year	1 Opening

Town Election Info:

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTIONS
MONDAY, MAY 4th

Many opportunities for active participation in Wendell town government will be available this spring. Annual Town Elections will be held on Monday, May 4th. Polls will be open from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Candidate Statements

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Neither Snow, Nor Rain

Jody Cole **has joined us as a Carrier at the Wendell Post Office. Jody will be delivering the mail routes in Wendell. The number of deliveries and the length of the old combined Warwick & Wendell Route had grown to a point where it needed to be split. Our "old carrier",** ***Linda Flanders*** **, (Jody's mother) continues to deliver the Warwick portion. Since Jody used to deliver the old route, she is very familiar with all the Wendell variables: its roads, its weather, and its residents. You can now expect to receive your mail three hours earlier, as she has been completing the route at around noontime each day. You will need to put your outgoing mail in the mail box by 10 a.m.**

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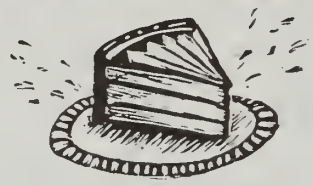

It's Our 22nd Birthday!

The celebration of *Cinco de Mayo* is a festival providing an opportunity for Mexican-Americans to express pride in their heritage. (Other holiday celebrations honored on stamps include Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.) Here, two contemporary dancers wearing traditionally-styled costumes capture the festive spirit of the occasion.

Score

Postmaster, *Charles O'Dowd*, will be participating in the annual *International Postal Ice Hockey Tournament* taking place in Toronto, Canada this April. Charlie is a goalie for one of the participating USA teams. (Hopefully, we will credit ourselves as well as the USA Women's Olympic Ice Hockey Team did in Nagano, Japan.) Charlie has participated on other USA Teams in international competitions and has earned 2 Gold Medals and 5 Silver Medals. This is the 20th year for International Postal Service competition. (Pervious venues have included: Ottawa, Niagara Falls, Montreal, Quebec City, and Marlborough, Massachusetts.)

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY WITH US

The US Postal Service has introduced an exciting participative stamp program called *Celebrate the Century.* School children and customers like you and I can vote on historic or culturally significant topics that we would like to see printed on stamps (which represent selected decades in the past - for example, if you are like my daughter, you might like to see the *Cat in the Hat* chosen). Presently, there are 30 new stamps available representing the decades 1900 and 1910. Don't miss your opportunity to participate in this innovative and educational initiative that is going on across the country.

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MEN:	Steve O'Connell	25:12 Min.
WOMEN:	Cheryl Dube	29:31 Min.
TEAM:	Shenipsit Striders	140:19 Min
WALKING:	Felicia Kleciak	52:58 Min.

Kaymarion's Art

Kaymarion Raymond kids that she is an "oddball even in the lesbian community." The slide show she did recently at the Town Hall is a very personal record--in art--of the birth and development of that community in the Pioneer Valley. Thus, it also constitutes a record of her own evolution and that of her drawing, painting and graphics as well.

Thirty people, lesbian and straight, attended the one-hour slide show, plus refreshments and a spirited, thoughtful discussion. The event was sponsored by Wendell Community Council to help bring "hetero and homo" worlds into open dialog. Kaymarion showed herself to be a quiet-spoken, gracious graceful--and gritty--woman who gives history and anything she touches life.

Her slides included pages from her personal journal--pencil sketches bursting free of the blue-lined paper --as well as posters for "Homophile League" events and a set design for a yet-unwritten soap opera about a lesbian rooming house. Two or three slides were X-rated. There was a news photo of her in a tree. An oak-leaf mandala sketched and shaded, based on an *I Ching* reading, presented beautifully her sense of community and its union. Her drawings speak with the same apt, direct images that her narration does.

There's a heroic aspect to the story. Her own and a few others' lesbian identity and personal honesty broke through the compacted soil of the Fifties, bringing the compost and oxygen for the possibility of local gay/lesbian self-acceptance. "First you've got to find and join with people like you before you can attend to meaningful alliances with other groups of people," she said.

Kaymarion didn't just help build the vessel, but skippered it too. The Valley is now considered one of the safer, more accepting environments anywhere for homosexuals to live. Unlike earlier, Kaymarion noted, lesbians are now confident enough to tolerate internal diversity, e.g., how much to mix with heterosexual society. They can choose how to be political, and how political to be.

Another bit of fallout is gradual: the straight majority's discovery of the strength diversity brings.

Wendell became Kaymarion's home six years ago "because so many of my sisters had moved here," she said. Anne Zak, a lesbian, selectboard member and one of those present, estimated about 70 lesbians live here. Kaymarion calls this town a "jewel," in the bittersweet sense that "if something vaguely unkind is said, I don't assume it's because I'm lesbian--it may be because I'm different in how I dress or the way I think or talk or live." She considers her life a journey of recovery from incest. "The basis of feminism is discovering that the personal is political" she says. And... "After a time of activism, one finds the political needs to be made personal again." She works at the RATS and the library and spends days in the personal healing work, mostly involving her art, that feels effective for her.

Audience members spoke up afterwards with heart and passion for a widening circle of human acceptance. Kaymarion's art and her story, as she offered it in her slide show, clearly inspired me and the others who saw it with its generosity and courage. What a person!

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Kaymarion read this and asked me to directly give my own personal reactions to the afternoon.

I feel at least partially healed of my former deep homophobia ever since I confronted it in the process of men's work, where my fear of--and attraction to--men got to play itself out scarily but safely...just in time for my youngest son to "come out" to his family as gay. In the process of working our mutual pain through, I was able to be supportive of him, and it has been one of the most rewarding episodes of my life.

So the slide show for me became more a beacon of personal healing than one specific to the gay-straight darkness. My chief reaction is of gratitude to a member of my Wendell community for not just recognizing the value of revealing her personal tender spot before townspeople, including me...but then going ahead and *doing* it!

By testifying in essence that something important has been healed and that something still remains to heal, both personal and in common, Kaymarion encouraged my spirit. She helped further knit the frayed trust of people--and myself--I have lived with, much of which revolves around sex and gender.

I witnessed her building a bridge out of found, recycled trust...appropriate for a lady who works at R.A.T.S.! (Or a pack rat like me). Her action stands to heal such fears as I still own around 1) sexually-based differences, 2) heritage 3) skin color 4) body ability 5) length of hair and style of dress 6) mental and perceptual idiosyncracy...and all other perceived threatening differences.

My personal thanks, Kaymarion, for being such an oddball that I can identify with you!

Jonathan von Ranson

Birth

EMILY KATE MASELLI was born on March 18, 1998, at Franklin Medical Center, to Bethany (Chase) and Chris Maselli of New Salem Rd., Wendell. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. Grandparents are Ed and Mandy Chase of Wendell and Bob and Beverly Maselli of Athol.

EARTH DAY IN WENDELL

As is the tradition in Wendell, Earth Day will be celebrated in a unique way. The *Earth Day Flag*, provided by *Myron's Fine Foods*, will be flown at the Wendell Post Office. All mail will be canceled with a special Earth Day Cancellation designed by *Becky Wilder*, and seed packets will be distributed at the *Post Office* and *Swift River Elementary School*. Join us in this annual celebration of the Earth and its precious resources.

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Obituaries

Evelyn Fisher

Evelyn (Stockwell) Fisher, 58, of Lockes Village Road, died 2-21-98 in Athol Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Northampton, Jan. 12, 1940, the daughter of Gertrude (Pratt) Stockwell, and the late Edward C. Stockwell.

Her husband, William J. Fisher, died in July 1997.

She graduated from Amherst Regional High School, and worked at the former Louis Foods in Amherst. Most recently she had been employed for nine years as a home health aide for Hampshire County Home Health Care.

Mrs. Fisher enjoyed ceramics and was a devoted wife and mother.

Besides her mother of Amherst, she leaves two sons, William J. Fisher Jr. of Wendell, and Matthew R. Fisher of Orange; a daughter, Bernadina M. Fisher at home; two brothers, C. Thomas Stockwell of Pelham, and Edward R. Stockwell of Whitinsville; a sister, Carol Inman of Westhampton, and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Yankee Family Dialysis Inc., 164 High St., Greenfield, 01301.

Tammy S Kerry

Tammy R. (Jocelyn) Skerry, 37, of 174 West St. died 3-14-98 at home.

She was born in Athol, Feb. 17, 1961, the daughter of Ralph and Beverlie (Fish) Jocelyn. She attended Athol schools.

Skerry was employed in Greenfield. She enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include a son, Michael of Wendell; her father and stepmother, Ralph and Carol Jocelyn of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Diane Morgan of Greenfield and Robin Barner of Kansas City, Kan.; a stepbrother, Joseph Jocelyn of Phoenix, and several nieces and nephews.

Her companion was Mark A. Dearborn of Wendell.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Greenfield Area Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 786, Greenfield 01302-0786.

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

TOWN OF WENDELL MASSACHUSETTS 01379

TOWN HALL

508 544 3395

Wendell Selectboard Meeting January 20,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis, Anne Zak, And Margo Culley. Also present was Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Maggie Hougton, Dog Officer discussed and made recommendations to the Board on the Franklin County Council of Governments Animal Welfare Control Survey.

Dave Riebschlaeger requested and received from Board use of Town Hall for a private party on January 24,1998.

Cain Blackbird presented Board with copy of his liability insurance in reference to use of a bridge on Kentfield Road for logging transport.

DOR reported surplus from Franklin County Technical School.

Board received letter from Hal Stowell, Wendell State Forest Manager of two day concert to be held there July 4th weekend.

Bid opening for Town Hall floor. One bid Bowes and Dodge of $9818.82. New bidding will be requested.

Bid opening for Town Hall oil burners. Whittier hot air $3651 and boiler $5456. Orange Oil awarded bid for hot air $3300 and boiler $5275. Orange Oil also bid for higher grade systems of $4100 and $5425.

Anne Zak discussed Lake Wyola Committee Meeting subjects Cabin building at Wendell State Forest, State management of Lake Wyola may include Wendell State Forest in future, hours will be 10-8 with 8 employees, swimming lessons will be offered for area children for $5, environmental education programs, area history at house, youth recreation, and additional parking.

Letter will be written to Michael Wing reiterating Board's decision for Class IV license issue.

Scale design of Town Common will be available for January 22, 1998 meeting.

Discussion of Town Office roof leak and repair.
Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting February 17, 1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis, Margo Culley, and Anne Zak. Also present was Marjorie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Warrant was signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Town Hall will be closed March 8, 1998 to April 3,1998 for new floor installation.

Discussion of system for Town Hall and Senior Center rental system.

Prudy Smith was granted rental of Town Hall for a series of Yoga classes.

Board voted unanimously for underground wiring on the Town Common.

Board signed for 7:30 Pole Hearing for Davis Turn Road.

Ted Lewis will attend meeting with Gnomes Construction , Mike Melnik and Joe Bianchi on February 19,1998 at 2:00 in the Senior Center.

Board reviewed FY 1999 budget drafts.

Board voted unanimously on Ted Lewis' request for a 3% raise for all hoourly Town employees.

Board discussed update on Chapter 70 and lottery funds to schools.

Board did not sign request to reduce the alcohol testing rate of Highway Department employees from 25% to 10%.

Discussion of oversight of Swift River School finances.

Letter received from Alison Wight on recent Full Moon Coffeehouse parking. Board will refer to Full Moon Coffeehouse personnel.

Anne Zak will attend Lake Wyola Advisory Board Meeting on February 26,1998 at 7:00.

Finance Committee met with Board to discuss implentation of steps from November memo of oversight. This follows up the memo to Leonard Lubinsky, Swift River Superintendent to appoint a treasurer from outside his office.

Discussion of draperies being made for the Town Hall.

Discussion of Money Management Team article for Annual Town Meeting. Money Management Team will meet March 31,1998 at 5:30.

Discussion of applying for transportation enhancement grant for Town Common.

Board discussed upcoming Block Grant cycle and affordable housing grants.

Letter received from Franklin County Council of Governments on street sweeping.

Workman's Compensation Annual Report received from MEGA.

Energy Facilities Siting Board packet received on generating facilities.

Ted Lewis will be representative for Franklin County Coop Inspection program.
Meeting adjourned at 9:45

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 3,1998 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak and Margo Culley. Also present was Marjorie Mc Ginnis Town Coordinator, Sarah Golding Athol Daily News, and Wanita Sears. warrant and minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Board granted Jonathan Von Ranson use of Town Hall for rebroadcast of Living in the Valley Lesbian Community by the Wendell Community Council. Sunday April 5, 1998 from 2-5.

Mike Wing requested hearing for Class III auto salvage license.

Chris Ewell presented Board with a $33,675 check in return for level funding. Ms. Ewell spoke of an upcoming meeting in Boston with Representative Stanley Rosenberg, she, John Coolige and Leonard Lubinsky will go to on school funding. Fin Com requested meeting with School Committee soon on budgets.

Chris Golash notified Board of repair for business of 5 Morse Village Road. Mr. Golash was referred to Building Inspector and Town Clerk for his occupancy and business needs.

Ted Lewis and Anne Zak will attend meeting of Wendell and New Salem Selectboards, Finance Committee Chairs, and Treasurers regarding Swift River oversight on March 5, 1998 at 5:30.

Board signed letter to State Police barracks requesting Bob Benoit's presence for teen boxing classes.

Money Management Meeting will be March 31, 1998 at 5:30.

Board agreed to pay fine on 401 Water Quality Cerification enforcement from DEP.

Board reviewed Town Common grant budget system and discussed contract signed with DEMfor Town Common Grant.

Board reviewed letter on septic system repair program.

Board reviewed $1000 electrical inspection line item deficiency reported by Town Accountant.

Board reviewed line item amount for FY'99 for Franklin Regional Council of Governments fee for service programs.

Chapter 70 and Lottery fund figures are still down and will be folowed up on by School Committee and Leonard Lubinsky.

Board agreed to hold off applying for Transportation Enhancement Grant while Town Common is being worked on.

Board agreed to allow Ms.Mc Ginnis to attend a purchasing officials training.

Ms. Mc Ginnis will attend the Lake Grove Community Advisory Board Meeting.

Discussion of letters for unregistered vehicles.

Anne Zak will attend Rte 2 Task Force Meeting.

Board chose chair racks for Town Hall.

Discussion of eletrical company restructuring.

Board signed notes for Treasurer.

Shirley White, Planning Board discussed telecommunications towers. Board will meet with Planning Board at next meeting.

Wanita Sears advised Board that Debbie Lapinski does not want to be Animal Inspector for another year.

Anne Zak reported parking dispute between Shutesbury and DEM has been resolved. Parking will be split between across from beach and behind house.
Board reviewed Town Common plans.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30
Respectfully Submitted,
Wanita Sears
Selectboard Clerk

Selectboard Candidates

Gloria Kegeles

Roger W. Choiniere, Jr.

"The minute I heard there was an opening on the Selectboard was the day I went down to Annie's and took out papers", says Roger Choiniere of his decision to run for Selectboard. When the Selectboard started approaching him to take various offices, he realized the job he wanted was theirs, he recalls with a laugh. Why? He explains he feels the time is right, that he has the time now to contribute. " I've spent time building a successful business. Business is good now, which affords me the ability to give my time." Roger and his wife, Debbie, run the largest medical transcription service in Franklin County, out of their home. " I miss public contact. I am looking for that."

Their attractively landscaped yard and tidy home where they have lived for 8 years on Wickett Pond Road with their dogs, cats, finches, parrots, and pet rabbits seems to indicate people of energy and organization.

Roger denies that neighbor conflicts which make this road famous lately "taint" his decision to run.

Roger's tone is matter of fact, warm but unemotional, earnest, enthusiastic.

He wants to talk about issues. He has just completed a mass mailing to active Wendell voters which spells out five goals. He explains he has a lot of business expertise in him that he feels he can apply to accomplishing these goals. And he has the flexible schedule of a self-employed person to do the job as needed. " Yes, I can deal with the meetings. I can deal with the calls. I can deal with the people", he says smiling.

His first goal that is extremely important to him is the "Warm Wendell Fund". He describes concerns that people in Wendell , "no one excluded", need to have a non-tax based system of protection for its residents. "No one should have to be cold, or have their electricity shut off." He realizes that there are some citizen-based activities in place, but worries that not everyone in need may be known about or feel comfortable asking for help, especially the proud elderly. He has broad visions about what could be done.

Gloria Kegeles

Christine Heard

My name is Christine Heard. Twenty years ago I bought my house on Wendell Depot Road; the longer I live in Wendell the more I appreciate our beautiful rural surroundings and the strong, supportive community that we all enjoy. I soon recognized that Wendellians are a very tolerant lot. Although our citizens are very diversified, we are able to work together for common goals and to allow each person his/her own opinion. My five children were raised in Wendell and attended the Swift River and Mahar Regional Schools which provided them with a solid foundation for their adult lives.

I was a member of the School Committee for nearly a decade and have served as a member of the School Committee's evaluation team for Lake Grove School for four years. For twenty years I have regularly attended town meetings. Additionally I have volunteered in the schools and on roadside clean up.

I've worked in education for many years. At New Salem Academy I taught English during its stint as an alternative school, then worked as administrative assistant at Maple Valley School (now Lake Grove School). I worked next in the Amherst Pelham Regional High School and then at the Music Department of the University of Massachusetts. For the past two years I have been the secretary at Swift River School, where my daily challenge is to send children home on the right bus as well as accomplishing many other tasks to keep the school running smoothly.

I am running for Select Board because I believe we need hard working, committed members on that board. The current members, Margo Culley, Anne Zak and Ted Lewis, are an effective team who have spearheaded many of the improvements the town has seen in the past decade. I am eager to be part of that team and join their efforts. Because my children are grown, I have the time to devote to the tasks involved. I hope that my calm, non-judgmental attitude will encourage people to work together to solve their problems.

Gloria Kegeles

Michael Wing

This interview was conducted at Mr. Wing's business, Hilltop Auto Repairs, housed in a converted WWII "Quonset Hut" on his property.

Mr. Wing provided a brief biographical sketch of himself. He has lived in Wendell going on 40 years. He served in the United States Marine Corps for four years. His specialty was helicopter maintenance. His duty position was that of Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the intermediate maintenance readiness list, 361st Heavy Maintenance Squadron. His duty stations included posts throughout the Orient including: Okinawa, South Korea, and The Phillipines. Mr. Wing also served in Alaska and South America.

He considers himself a product of our local schools, having attended the old Wendell Center School and is a graduate of Mahar Regional High School. His parents, Kenneth & Lorraine still live in town, having moved to Wendell in the 1950's.

Mr. Wing has owned and operated his business since 1986, having taken over a business started by his family in the late 1950's. Mr Wing noted that he is, " A regular town meeting go'er."

Mr. Wing was then asked about his concerns and issues facing Wendell. His first response was "to keep local property taxes down". Another concern for Mr. Wing is an area he would like to see the selectboard participate in more often ,that being to arbitrate community issues so that all parties reach an equitable solution, " I want to make sure that when we listen to community needs, every voice is heard so that the clarity of what people are really saying comes through". He added, "The town used to be smaller, but now it's grown and is much more diversified. I want to make sure we give everyone an equal chance to present their own views".

Mr.Wing also commented on the importance of supporting local businesses: "Supporting businesses in town helps our local economy by providing jobs and providing easy access for our citizens to established businesses. Spending money locally that is also earned locally will be to everyone's advantage and benefit."

When asked about his views on local education issues, Wing noted that the selectboard can discuss and create a dialog with members of the education community but that local education issues are the responsibility of the schoolboard and the parent, teacher, administation group. He said that he would like to clear up the present discussions that are being held between the parent/teacher/ admin. groups at the Swift River School. " I'd like to help find

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Roger W. Choiniere, Jr.

How to fund these endeavors includes dedicating his entire Selectman's salary as a donation to seed the project, followed by fun fundraising events.

Communication is another goal. Just one of the issues he raised here is more aggressive guidance and followup in response to citizen concerns.

"Important. Important", he says of his concept of clean water as a criteria for determining where to focus regarding environmental issues.

He offered a multitude of ideas regarding the tax rate and how to address the tax problem. He cites example after example of common sense ways to approach safety and growth and the business of running the town cost effectively. Some of his ideas are ones already underway, like the importance of continuing the struggle for fair taxes from the State for the land it owns here. Other ideas include road maintenance strategies, land use options, zoning for encouragement of small low impact businesses, the importance of a well informed public. Although he laid out many ideas along these lines, he also expresses his desire to listen and learn and work cooperatively in the town.

Asked about his political inclinations, he says, "I don't want to be labeled as a Democrat or a Republican. I'm an Independent, an independent thinker. I only want to be labeled as someone who wants to help the town."

by K. Becker

Moderator

My name is Kathy Becker. I have been Moderator of the Town of Wendell since 1984, when I ran for this office as a part of an independent study project in nursing school to explore the relationship between communication and public health. I would like to serve in this office for another term. Recently I was honored to become an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Moderators Association.

Town Meeting should be a place where people are safe to voice ideas about how this town will grow and thrive. Town Meeting should be a place where people feel okay about not agreeing with their neighbor or friend on every matter. How can problems be solved if we don't think things through from different angles? Town Meeting is not a showcase just for experts or "wise guys". Often it is the simple question that gets to the heart of the matter. Town Meeting can be drudgery, hard work. Town Meeting is only as healthy as the community we make for ourselves by showing up and standing up for ourselves when it counts.

Vote me in, vote me out...it's still Wendell, and I'm glad to be living here.

Christine Heard

Several areas are of particular interest to me. Facilitating continued citizen involvement in town government is important. I am eager to promote activities and experiences for our children and teenagers for whom Wendell's isolation can be a real difficulty. I wish, also, to be involved in the grant funded work on the town common. Another grant is being sought to move a historical home built in the 1700's from its current spot to the common. To increase Wendell's financial stability, I will support the new Tax Collector as s/he reorganizes the department, sends out bills in a timely fashion and pursues back taxes to appropriate resolutions. Finally, I am interested in the Commonwealth's payments in lieu of taxes and STAR accomplishments.

If elected, I look forward to the challenge of helping to govern Wendell into the 21st century. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns about Wendell town government or your suggestions and ideas for furthering Wendell's growth as a community.

School Committees

Jean S. Forward

I am Jean S. Forward living on Wendell Depot Rd. I am running for School Committee. I have lived in town for more than twenty years, raising three children, two of whom have graduated from Mahar Regional High School. I have been teaching anthropology at various colleges in the Connecticut River valley for more than twenty-five years. I've been serving Wendell as representative to the Mahar Regional High School for seven years and would like to continue in that capacity, contributing my teaching experience and my concerns for children, teaching and learning.

Judy Grupenhoff

As a long-time Wendell resident and parent of two children at Swift River School, I know the importance of parental involvement in the school. I am running for a seat on the School Committee because I care about Swift River and about the quality of education our children receive. Swift River is a good school and has many wonderful things to offer, but like anything else, no matter how good it is, there is always room for improvement. I look forward to serving on the School Committee and being involved in making positive changes for our children.

Judy Grupenhoff

Michael Wing

resolution there through the system that's already in place. [The selectboard can help] monitor how the system is working at Swift River, perhaps through mediation or arbitration to reach a solution." Wing currently has three children attending Swift River School and added," It's a phenomenal school! There was one teacher for three grades when I was in elementary school".

Wing went on to discuss youth recreation. He wants to see a centrally located ballfield or playing field built in town, so that it would be accessible to children. Wing was asked what his accessibility would be as a selectboard member, "Being in town & working here it will be easy for me to respond to local issues or business that pops up, it'll also be easy to get ahold of me night or day."

Speaking on development, Wing spoke of his concern to " Protect the aesthetics of our small town atmosphere, recognizing the traditional look of Wendell, as a way of life, helping preserve those aspects for the individuals who want to live their lives here".(Wing continued on roads and road maintenance) "The grants that we have recieved have really helped with the condition of our roads, they help lift the economic burden especially for people living on fixed incomes. Insuring that we remain eligible for these programs is a big concern of mine. Road usage and maintenance is drastically important to a town like ours." Wing reminisced," I can remember when I was younger being up to your axles in mud going to the center on Montague Road. The improvements to Montague Rd. are an example of the progress we've achieved thru grant funding for the community." Wing also made reference to the soon to be implemented repairs to Jennison Rd. "Monitering the well needed improvement grant will be a job for the selectboard. We'll have to work with our building inspector to insure that our roads are gauged for usage and development and to make sure an "anything goes" attitude does not develop."

Wing brought up an issue he wants to present to voters at town meeting. "I'd like to see the selectboard increased from a three-member,to a five-member panel. This would increase energy, raise the majority vote, and would help get internal issues better researched. Currently two people can steer the leadership of this community. This would also be a benefit so that members could attend more meetings and would embody a greater sense of town attitudes and spirit, it just seems more democratic to me too. As towns grow, why keep the burden of administration on just three people?."

In closing statements, Wing addressed voter turnout and participation. " People should exercise their rights as voters and to become more active at the local level. Younger folks should register to vote and take part in town government. I want to help the community meet its needs."

Joseph Coll

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BOXING CLASSES AT THE TOWN HALL

The Wendell - New Salem Community Policing Comm. is pleased to announce the Boxing Classes are scheduled to start on April 30, 1998. These classes will be held at the Wendell Town Hall on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm for five weeks. They will be taught by Trooper Bob Benoit from the Mass. State Police. There will be at least one other trooper there to help him teach us to box. The troopers are donating their time so the class is free to residents of our towns.
Everyone must have a mouth guard and we need to have hand wraps. The town has also asked us to wear white soled sneakers (the town hall's new floor is in!). This class is for folks interested or just curious about boxing. Trooper Benoit has told me it will be a workout and he will keep our attention focused.
Preregistration is a must. Ages 13 and up. Male and female. Call Anne at 544-6111 or Margie at 544-6437.

SELF DEFENSE CLASSES FOR MEN, WOMEN & TEENS

We have two more classes in our series on self defense coming up. In the last year we have run three classes for women and teenage girls, two were eight week sessions and one was an evening long session. The women and girls that received these classes were very thankful for the chance to learn ways in how to be more aware of their surroundings and some very easy techniques in self defense. We heard many comments by them saying that they felt more secure and that for the first time they thought that perhaps they could stop an attack if one ever happened. The other comment heard quite often was that they learned ways to be more safe and that is the best self defense tactic that we know.

These classes were sponsored by the Wendell - New Salem Community Policing Comm. With the grant that we received last fall we are also sponsoring two afternoon sessions to be held in May.

The first session will be for men and teenage boys. This will be on Saturday, May 16, 1998 from 1-4 pm. This class will be taught by COMMON SENSE DEFENSE. The instructors are two men from the Gardner area and the class that they taught earlier this year was well received and enjoyed.

The second session will be for women and teenage girls. This class will be on Sunday, May 17, 1998 from 1-5 pm. This class will be taught by BOLD WOMEN SELF DEFENSE. The instructors are two women from the Greenfield area. Bold Women have taught the eight week sessions and they have agreed to put together an afternoon program for us.

We are not sure yet where the location of the classes will be, so be on the lookout for posters or call me at 544-6111.

I would like to thank the Community Policing Comm. for supporting the idea of self defense classes. It has been a pleasure to watch these women learn and understand that they can do simple things to defend themselves. It has been a gift to see people getting stronger and more sure of themselves.

Anne Diemand

WENDELL OLD HOME DAY

As the summer season approaches, Wendell Old Home Day questions are Boeing asked. Will it be in July or August? These are things that are still being worked on. We have our regular schedule that we intend to follow. This starts with the parade, then children's activities and live music follows, lots of booths and a place to rest in the center. As always if you have anv thoughts, energy and ideas please call Anne at 544-6111 or Karen at 544-7352. Watch for posters to announce meetings and Wendell Old Home Day!

SENIOR CENTER USE

A schedule of Senior Center use is now being kept by the Selectboard. Any requests for use other than the prescheduled should be made to Wanita Sears, Selectboard Clerk at 544-7198. You will need to see the Selectboard at a biweekly meeting. Scheduling for agenda can be done through Marjorie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator at 544-3395.

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WENDELL LITTER PICK-UP

On Saturday, April 25, 1998 we will be sponsoring the eighteen annual Wendell Litter Pick-up Day!
We will meet at the Wendell Town Playground at 9 am and decide which roads to clean up. Last year we tried something new - while some folks headed out to pick up the litter on the sides of the roads, others stayed at the playground to clean up that area. This worked very well for those that didn't feel comfortable on the road, especially those with small children.

This year if people would like to pick up a section of road they travel through, bag it up and leave it on the side of the road, we are happy to pick it up if you will call us and let us know what sections you are going to do. We ask that you call Anne Diemand at 544-6111 no later than 8 am on Saturday or before.

As the season changes and Wendell Old Home Day comes closer it makes me think of all the enthusiastic people I see having fun in our Town of Wendell. With the large numbers of people I see at Old Home Day - it would be wonderful to take some of that positive energ and use it to clean up the roads of this great that we all come to celebrate yearly. Your ti and energy will be greatly appreciated by m

To help with the pick-up it is a good ic have gloves, bring trash bags, a pick-up truc available and help with refreshments.

See you there! Don't be square!

Ben Sylvia

Sorry!

We regret our error in misnamin Milton & Sally Wilder's grandso in the Winter '98 Wendell Post. The photo was of Tony, not Niko.

4/98 Teen Council

The Teen Council has been meeting on a regular basis.

The Teen Center has been open at the Senior Center Fridays 7-9:30 p.m. (new hours) with music, card games, and strobe lights.

Teen Basketball and Soccer are happening every Saturday night from 7-9 p.m. at Swift River School. Mark Stewart of Plain Rd. has donated his time and halogen lights to illuminate a space for the soccer-playing teens. This frees up the gym for the basketball players. Teen basketball has been the most popular event offered thus far to teens in Wendell and New Salem and surrounding villages. When our new basketball court goes in at the Wendell Town offices, we will move soccer and basketball to Wendell Center for the summer and fall.

A heartfelt thanks to Geri Manning and Phyllis Lawrence, staff at Swift River School, who have become "key people" for the sports programs (both of their sons play basketball). Thanks too to Swift River School principal Christine Lewis for her cooperation. Their commitment and that of Jonathan von Ranson of Wendell Center has helped make Saturdays run smoothly. Jonathan has been organizing and supervising as well as playing basketball.

We have set up the lights for soccer upon the request of three teen council members, Ashley Drillen, Ras Smallidge and Kelly Smallidge. Please network with them or myself if you want to play soccer on Saturday nights. Again, this is for teens.

Thanks to Erin Sears for all of her computer work, and to Sharon Tracy for facilitating each of our meetings! More notes of appreciation go to Bob Sekula (coaching), and to Linda Diemand, Kristin Barnard, Laura Doughty, Fran Doughty, Susan Drillen, Mark Smallidge and Robert Heller for being our Teen Center chaperones.

Robbie Heller has done some great work in planning teen dances with grant money. He and Sharon Tracy are working on this together.

Anne Diemand has organized Boxing Classes beginning Thursday nights, April 30-May 28, 7-9 p.m. in Wendell Town hall for adults and teens. Call 544-6111 or 544-6437 to register. Thanks Annie! This is sponsored by Wendell and New Salem Community Policing Committee and the Wendell Recreation Department.

If you are interested in a bike maintenance workshop, archery, rock wall training, CPR training and local hikes and canoing, give me a call at 544-7561. Warm weather beckons. I find myself at the heart aof Teen Council and Rec Commission organizing and planning. It's an honor to be working in the community with all of you.
Respectfully,

Mez Ziemba (Treesister)

Adult chaperones are needed for the Friday night Teen Center. Please call Mez at 544-7561 to offer to help.

When The Student Is Ready The Teacher Will Come

When I was ready my teacher came. I had been practicing acupressure for 4 years when I decided that in order to get beyond being merely competent, I needed to find myself 'a Master.' In 1995, I found my teacher right in my own backyard. My life and work have grown immeasurably since I began studying with Nini Melvin. I am learning how it feels to move from my center, in alignment. It is like the difference between moving through life as a duck flies- working so hard, constantly flapping my wings- and soaring like an eagle with ease and grace. I am learning to transform the static theoretical concepts I use in my work into a dance, a bottomless puzzle of dynamic movement that gives form and texture to things that are undefinable and inexplicable.

Through this interview, I would like to introduce you to my teacher, Nini Melvin.

Karen: Nini, how did you get into the healing arts?

Nini: As a child I loved to dance in the outdoors. I received a Master's Degree in Dance Education then moved to NYC. There I studied Buddhism and eastern healing arts including shiatsu and meditation.
I trained for four years at the Ohashi Institute, then taught there for ten years. I travel and teach internationally and have a private practice in New York City and Massachusetts.

Karen: Who are your students?

Nini: Health care practitioners, healing arts students and anyone who is ready to use holistic health information to enhance their quality of life.

Karen: How do you teach people with such diverse interests and backgrounds?

Nini: I try to recognize what personal or universal need for growth and change brings people to this moment in their lives. Each group has a unique dynamic. We use the diversity to create unity.

Karen: When I met you I discovered that you could teach me exactly what I hungered to learn. How did I get so lucky that the teacher I needed came to Wendell?

Nini: After living in NYC for 15 years and teaching healing based on the ancient principles of the five elements, I was ready to move to a natural environment and surround myself with these essential ingredients. We are each a unique blend of the same ingredients as our planet Earth; water, wood, fire, earth and metal/air. Through movement, visualization and touch we can understand how to create harmony among these elements. Our inner dynamics can be understood by seeing ourselves as a reflection of the natural world. It took me years to embody this theory and make it relevant and useful in daily life. Wendell's peaceful landscape and spirit magnetized me, and helps to deepen my understanding.

Karen: You identified your hunger and nourished it. What is emerging?

Nini: I have been blending all I have learned through my studies and life experiences to create a healing art called 'PRESENTOUCH'. I am developing a curriculum for people of all ages, professions and lifestyles. I train teachers to incorporate this into their classes, and practitioners into their practices. I will facilitate a ten- day training and retreat August 14-23 at Temenos in Shutesbury, MA. Soon I will begin an apprenticeship program. Karen, do you want to be an apprentice?

Karen: Of course!

Karen and Nini: We have one last question for the readers of this article.
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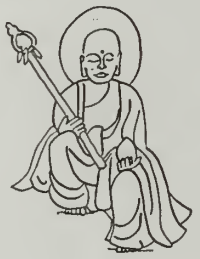

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Ravens Wild part 2

Part 1 of Ravens Wild was published in the Summer '97 issue of the Wendell Post.

My way is like raven's, my life human; joining raven's way resets my gyro as I wend along to the Post Office of this town I hardly know after 13 years, this spare, lean village of the living and dying trailing ever surely toward suburban values. Nearing the Post Office and Country Store, familiar anxiety arises, dimming the raven encounter, arising from sad awareness that so many of my fellows are anything but at one with nature. No misanthrope, I generally get along with them, enjoy them immensely when they manifest guilelessly who and what they are, making music, biking wheelies or grubbing in the garden, each in their moment, *at one with their nature*...

For some, the store is to pick up eggs or lettuce, to have a coffee or chat with a neighbor, for others, it is to steal a soda or candy bar, a quart of oil, a bottle of hard liquor. A new steel grill adorns the bathroom window, an unsightly weir to stem the flow of commodities dripping out long summer evenings

The thieves are known, and watched, some of them It remains to catch them in the act and spread their names *publicly*, to have overdue conversations with them about trust, feelings of belonging, about common decency *How can I relax in community with you if you're the reason the store bathroom is locked so I can't pee?* We need to speak up, talk with each other about what keeps us from real contact, person to person, generation to generation, investigate the erosion of common ground. recover delight in real gifts flowing not from TV screens but blowing down the wind and clouds. Sometimes it ain't easy, but sometimes incredibly it is. and with other hangers-on and hangers-out I struggle to translate sacrifice into savor, and dwell in the riches of poverty. *(Any day I don't have to leave Wendell is automatically a good day!)*

Not that I'm poor; far from it. This pickup truck, this writing machine, all this earth-costly household machinery upstairs and down, sucking energy from the Mother, map me precisely squirming in the human condition. My teeming brothers and sisters murder each other in every land and every part of the land. How dare I turn away from this suffering world where children are let starve. how refuse steadfast contemplation of the human mono-culture? Fragmented, romantic, stubborn, hungry for contact with the Other. dwindling wildness is my

proper milieu; yours too if you but knew it. Tied to the second world of human making, I stiffen my back in resistance: I piss on the dominant paradigm: of *growth without limit, of total control over nature. of maximum profit with least accountability*. Mind-sore from this glittering plastic Babylon for middle class investors, I dream a quiet disdained in Wall Street.

And thus I give undivided attention, *joyfully*, to the source of being when it brushes by, dance a spirit dance with this intelligent black-winged scavenger, today's teacher - who would of course eat me with the same relish he brings to any grotty carcass. I can't but see myself and raven in the same light, except that raven, wonderfully fitted out and finely tuned, has no second thoughts about his path. Like raven, I have no credentials to defend, no religion to hide behind, only tantalizing hints of first truths stitching me to this once-bountiful landscape and all the lovely beings who speak sharply to me about *making do*.

I fingered a flower and one came along who said, "What's it good for?"

I replied, answering him, "What are you good for?" He paused awhile and said, "Well, you're just a simpleton..." and he was right! I keep on, I struggle after simpler, live on the margin, seek a path simple enough for a simpleton coursing toward ultimate simplicity. I aspire to eat humble pie, all the days of my life My corruption is vast but healable. Fitted by dry circumstance and restless temper to enquire after enduring value where it lives, a lucky poke-about I am, in a happenstance paradise. wild, free, and ready to die.

But not just yet. Surely I'm not alone: where are the self-said Enlightened who know but won't face how and where their investment pots are put to interest, and whose interest? Who but you and me fund these big-headed schemers and their brokers coldly arbitrating the death of the planet, pushing aside any population in their spasm of one-time extraction for our one-time consumption *merely*? What madness has seduced away our wild dignity "...for the secure, joyless, numbed-out transition of our asses into the grave"? Stuck tight in the neoliberal muck. finding balm in the organic fragrance of nature, I echo my abstemious friend and strain to hear the defiant, loving echo of Camus: *I rebel, therefore we are*. .

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Prosperity? '99

The story of the Pied Piper is the story of a people who believed they could get something for nothing.

We should understand them perfectly because we have a myth of our own. As the Dow soars toward 9000, we like to believe that we are creating wealth and that that growth is panacea.

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Healthy cultures keep their environment healthy. One hand washes the other. Often what we give back is not good. Sometimes when pollution poisons a resource, a clean-up is ordered. (Itself, a process that can deplete resources.) The cost of clean-up operations is part of the Gross National Product. It is on the books as created wealth!

Is there something wrong with this picture?

Is the Dow or the GNP really an index of security and well-being?

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P. Cleveland

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Wendell Police Log

2-02-98	Snowmobiles on Montague Rd.
2-03-98	Missing truck on Jennison Rd.
2-13-98	Call back from Officer.
2-14-98	911 hang up. Wendell Depot Rd.
2-14-98	911 hang up, Montague Rd.
2-18-98	Intrusion alarm on tower off Locke Hill rd.
2-20-98	Harassing phone calls. Mormon Hollow Rd.
2-21-98	Medical emergency. Locke's Village Rd.
2-21-98	Truck loaded with cord wood lost part of load. Depot Rd.
3-01-98	Complaint re: neighbors. Kentfield Rd
3-05-98	Overturned vehicle. Depot Rd.
3-05-98	Vehicle off road. New Salem Rd.
3-05-98	911 hangup. Locke Hill Rd.
3-07-98	Complaint re: neighbors. Kentfield Rd
3-08-98	Suspicious vehicle. Stone Rd.
3-09-98	Disabled vehicle. Locks Pond Rd.
3-11-98	Prowler. Locke's village Rd.
3-12-98	Mailboxes smashed on Locke's Village Rd. Vehicle vandalized.
3-12-98	Harassing phone calls. Mormon Hollow Rd. Caller identified.
3-14-98	Medical emergency. West Rd.
3-14-98	Vehicle rollover. Montague Rd.
3-19-98	Vehicle accident. Jennison Rd.
3-19-98	Vehicle on RR tracks. Farley Rd.
3-21-98	Vandalism. Montague Rd.
3-22-98	Telephone pole snapped in half. Close to Maple Valley.
3-28-98	Shots fired. Wren Gould Rd.

These are most of the calls that were received from dispatch. Officers may have received phone calls that are not listed here.

Officer A. Diemand

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2\11\98	Brush Fire	Lockes Village Rd.
2\12\98	Brush Fire	Lockes Village Rd.
2\14\98	Dump Fire	New Salem Rd.
2\17\98	Med - Call	68 Wendell Depot Rd.
2\17\98	Med - Call	60 Lockes Village Rd.
2\21\98	Med - Call	263 Lockes Village Rd
2\28\98	Med/Veh/Acc.	97 Wendell Depot Rd.
3\14\98	Med-Call	176 West Rd.
3\14\98	Veh/Acc/Med/Call	Montague Rd.
3\18\98	Mutual Aid	Dana Rd. New Salem
3\29\98	Med Call	132 Lockes Village Rd
3\29\98	Med Call	Lake Grove School

Brush Burning + House Numbering

The Wendell Fire Department would like you to know that the last day for brush burning permits is May 1st, and remember, brush only! No leaves, stumps, or debris of any kind.

For obtaining permits and further details, call 544-3500.

We are asking you to please display your house numbers so that they are visible from the road in both directions, are reflective, and each numeral must be at least 3" high.

The fire department, ambulances and other emergency agencies are having trouble locating residences, especially at night. Time is a most important factor in any emergency situation.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Chief Ricketts
Wendell Fire Dept.

Need to Save Time In The Garden?

Are you a Wendell small farmer or gardener? Would you like to have use of a rototiller, chipper/shredder or any other useful time saving tool?

Please call Wanita Sears at 544-7198. I would like to see how much interest there is for this. Hope to set up a meeting to help this happen as a cooperative venture.

Three-in-one Theft

Between closing on Tuesday, March 3 and opening on Saturday, March 7, a white Kelvinator, chest-type freezer measuring approximately 5 feet long by 2½ feet wide by 3 feet high was stolen from the Recycle and Transfer Station. There was some rust on the top of it.

The freezer was in the Free Store with a sign to inform everyone that it was being held for the first person who had claimed it.

This theft, and others like it, constitute three harms in one unneighborly act: first, the persons whose right to it, according to the rules, is denied; second, our confidence in the community is taken; and third, the integrity of all keyholders becomes questionable.

In one act the quality of our community took three hits.

P. Cleveland

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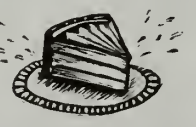

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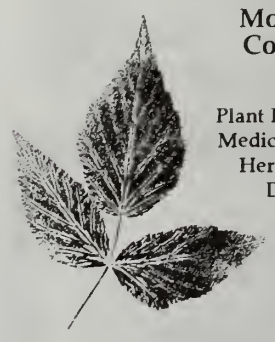

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